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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Koichi MUKASA, et al.
Application Number: 09/851,261
Filing Date: May 8, 2001
Title: LASER WELDING HEAD-
CONTROLLING SYSTEM, A LASER
WELDING HEAD AND A METHOD
FOR CONTROLLING A LASER
WELDING HEAD
Examiner Name:
Group Art Unit:

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(X) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 18, 2004.

(X) Enclosed:

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